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### President Wilson and the Republicans

We believe that no fair-minded man will charge William H. Taft with being a partisan. Mr. Taft is so constituted that he could not be a partisan if he tried ever so hard. He can be, and is, a staunch party man, but never of the kind that puts party above country, that considers the offices the sole aim of party organization and that sees no good in anything that does not bear his party's stamp. He is a good Republican because he believes that Republican principles are the best foundation for governmental policies, but he is quite willing to admit that wisdom and statesmanship and patriotism can exist within the Democratic party. He freely concedes that a difference of opinion is not necessarily a difference of character, and his temperament induces him to examine both sides of a question and to form his conclusions upon judgment and equity rather than upon party bias or party advantage. His absolute fairness and his advocacy of that which he believes to be right, regardless of personal considerations, have made him a great statesman, but have always prevented him from being a politician in the "practical" sense.

These well known and greatly admired characteristics give special weight to his kindly criticism of President Wilson's appointments and his relative neglect of the resources of Republicanism and Republican statesmanship. He feels the fact that Lincoln "opened his arms to war Democrats of the North, and by trusting them with authority he greatly strengthened the Union cause." He recognizes the political nature of some of Mr. Wilson's problems and expresses the view that "party association seems necessary to make a cabinet work harmoniously under our system." But he asserts with truth that "it would give the administration much more strength with the country" and "much more effectiveness in carrying on the war" if congressional Republican leaders were called into frequent conference over the issues of capital importance and experienced and able Republicans selected for special tasks. While, he admits, industrial leaders have been placed on commissions without regard to party they have generally not been given any real authority. The Republican party in Congress "has been as a body more loyal to the president's war policies than his own" and will doubtless continue to be so, but there has been no adequate recognition of this service, and there is, he says, "a well defined and constantly growing feeling among Republicans that the president is political in this war, where he should not be." This, it seems to us, is too manifest to require discussion, and we confess to a feeling of deep disappointment that it is so, a disappointment that it is not in the least prompted by partisan spirit, but that is wholly due to the conviction that it is unwise, and unjust to this great body of the people that has so loyally and splendidly supported the government in this hour of trial.—Globe-Democrat.

### Who Will Grow Castor Beans For Uncle Sam?

County Clerk Gideon is in receipt of a letter from the Aero Supply Committee of Washington advising that the U. S. government is in great need of a supply of castor beans to make cylinder oil for Aeroplanes Engines.

The request is made for names and addresses of a few land owners in Taney County who might be willing to demonstrate their patriotism with the plow in growing a crop of castor beans on good corn and cotton ground to aid in supplying this deficiency.

Anyone interested are requested to hand their names to the County Clerk at once as a quick response is requested.

Cable rates have been reduced between North and South America.

Do not fail to note the real "Money Saving Proposition" made by that sterling newspaper, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, elsewhere in this issue. In spite of the enormously increased cost of production, the Daily Globe-Democrat, except Sunday, is offered to rural free delivery and star route patrons (yearly subscriptions only) at the remarkably low rate of \$3 per year—or in complete clubs of three or more, at the net club rate of only \$2.50 for each yearly subscription. The Daily Globe-Democrat, including Sunday, is offered for \$5.50 per year, or in clubs of three or more at the net rate of \$4.75 for each yearly subscription. This offer is also open to subscribers who receive their mail at postoffices where the Daily Globe-Democrat is not handled by local newsdealers. The regular price of the Daily Globe-Democrat, including Sunday, is now \$7.50 per year; daily, with out Sunday, \$5 per year; Sunday only, \$2.50 per year; weekly, issued twice a week, 20 cents a year. Again we urge you to read the "Money Saving Proposition" and send in your order at once. Address the Globe Printing Company, Publishers, St. Louis, Mo. 14

### One Confession of Error

The frank confession by Admiral Bowles, former naval constructor and now assistant to the general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, that the wooden ship venture is a failure, is depressing in some respects and encouraging in others. It is refreshing to have the truth told, so we may know where we are and also so we may avoid such errors in the future. Some one recently made the happy remark that America's emblem is the eagle and not the ostrich. The wooden ship plan was evolved by land lubbers. The contention was that they could be constructed so quickly that their very number would render the submarines impotent. Against this argument of time, shipping men, in this country and England, vainly showed how the ships would congest ports, how they would make an unusual demand for seamen in a time of shortage and require more gunners than the navy could conveniently supply. The additional argument, that the ships would be valueless after the war, was a matter of little consequence, provided the vessels served their purpose.

But now Admiral Bowles shows that the chief claim was baseless. There were wild promises of vast lumber supplies both from the South and the West, which have fallen short of fulfillment. He told the Senate Commerce Committee that the mills of the South have not delivered lumber in one-half the quantity promised, and those of the West have been almost as slow. But to cap the climax, he says that 90 per cent of the labor used on the wooden vessels could have been utilized in steel shipyards and that "even if the timber supply had been plentiful, wooden ships could not have been built as fast as steel."

The employment of the carpenters on the wooden ships has added to the cost of construction of the cantonnments and deranged the repair shops of the railways, accentuating the crisis in transportation. What part the clamor of inexperienced contractors, with whom Gen. Goethals had so much trouble, had in foisting the wooden ship experiment on the country, would be interesting to know. The chief lesson, however, is that land lubbers could give greater heed to shipping men's views on shipping affairs.—Globe-Democrat.

A Ford Car belonging to J. R. Day of this place was badly damaged by fire at Branson last Thursday. We are glad to learn that the car is not a total loss.

### Lower Requirements for Admission to Army Nurse Corps

Because of the great need for nurses for the Army Nurse Corps certain requirements have been waived for the period of the war emergency. Registered nurses are preferred, but registration may be waived.

Nurses between the ages of 21 and 45 will now be considered, as well as those who are graduated from hospitals of less than 100 beds. Under the temporary revision of rules they are not required to purchase new uniforms.

A nurse traveling under orders is given a first-class ticket, Pullman-car accommodations, and traveling expenses not to exceed \$4.50 a day.

## HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

Lack of funds will not compel the closing of the Missouri State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Mount Vernon, according to Dr. E. C. Roseberry, member of the hospital board. Upon his return from Jefferson City, he said Governor Gardner had advised members of the board to meet with him at a later date to discuss means of raising money to meet the expenses of the institution. Funds will be exhausted within a few months.

With only one wholesale dealer in Springfield having a supply of sugar on hand, and that a very limited quantity, all grocers of the city, by agreement, announced that customers would be limited to one pound at a single purchase. Until now the sales were restricted to two and one-half pound sales. Carol shipments are no longer obtainable, wholesalers say.

After several weeks of delay in obtaining freight cars, corn in large quantities is now moving from southern Missouri to western Oklahoma, where there has been acute feed shortage. F. L. Rounsavell, secretary of the marketing commission of Oklahoma, said that the corn is being consigned to districts where the need is the greatest.

A fire in the business district at Moberly destroyed four store buildings. The court house, which occupied the second floor of the Forney building, including many valuable records, also was destroyed. Hundreds of questionnaires were locked in a small safe, and it is feared are burned. The total loss to buildings and stock will exceed \$100,000.

Application was made in the federal district court at St. Louis for the appointment of a receiver for the United Railways of St. Louis, the local and suburban traction line, on behalf of John W. Seaman, a stockholder.

Judge Frank P. Divilbiss has ordered Sheriff I. N. Calvert to dismiss the men drawn for the petit jury and grand jury for the January term of the Carroll county circuit court. This action was taken, it was said, because attorneys in Carroll county have been swamped with work in aiding draft registrants fill out their questionnaires. There are 1,650 registrants in Carroll county. Cases that are not contested will be tried at this term of court, however.

Perry Langston, 46 years old, a Lawrence county cattle buyer, was killed when George Hodge lost control of a car near Stotts City recently. Langston was in the machine, which turned over.

Nathaniel V. Gorrell, born in Todd county, Kentucky, in 1848, and who had lived in Pettis county since 1882, is dead at Sedalia. He was one of the best known retired farmers in Central Missouri.

Otto Stockton, a farmer near Poplar Bluff, recently sold a hog which weighed 700 pounds for \$103.95.

Postmaster E. E. Johnston was notified by Congressman C. W. Hamlin of the Seventh Congressional District that the latter had received a promise from the fourth assistant postmaster general that within the next six weeks there would be established between Springfield and Marshall an auto truck mail route for the delivery of parcel post packages. Trucks also will make daily trips between Marshall and Warsaw. This is the first installation of the auto truck for rural route parcel post service in the state.

The College Farmer, monthly magazine published by the agricultural students of the University of Missouri, will suspend publication with the January issue. F. L. Clinefelter, the editor, was called for military service November 1, and the staff has been changed so frequently since because of enlistments that further publication is deemed inadvisable.

The body of T. J. Thompson, an aged farmer residing south of Brookfield, who had been missing from his home for three days, was found dead on the farm of Hermann Barr, four miles south of Brookfield recently.

W. H. House, a farmer and stock raiser of Havelock, Neb., dropped dead of apoplexy in a hotel at St. Joseph recently. He was 55 years old and had accompanied shipment of cattle there.

The building at Glasgow occupied on the first floor by the St. Mary's Parochial School and on the upper floor by the Knights of Columbus was destroyed by fire recently.

Women letter carriers are not a success, according to Postmaster Colin M. Selph, who, after giving them a 15-day trial on several city routes, announced their services would be required no longer. Work was too heavy for them, he explained.

Mrs. Lucinda Dobson is dead at Butler at the age of 97 years. She was born in Winstan-Salem, N. C., April 26, 1821. She is survived by one daughter, twenty grandchildren, thirty-seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

## FUNSTON SLAYER COMMITS SUICIDE

Lewis J. Whisler, an Army Captain, Identified as Murderer of Four Men.

### LARGE SUM OF MONEY STOLEN

Officers at Camp Estimate Loss to Bank at \$65,000 to \$85,000—Can't Be Found.

Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 14.—Every conceivable cache in Camp Funston today is being combed by army, federal and private detective agency officials in an effort to locate funds believed to have been loaded into a sack in the Army bank, in the heart of the cantonment, and carried away about 7:30 o'clock on Friday night by Captain Lewis Whisler, Company E, 354th Infantry, after he had chopped four men to death with an ax and seriously wounded a fifth. A staff officer late this afternoon estimated that between \$65,000 and \$80,000 was stolen.

Captain Whisler, after binding and gagging his victims, carefully filled a money sack with bills of large denominations—one packet believed to have contained \$17,000—and then started swinging his murderous ax. This accusation was made late on Saturday night to a staff officer in a statement by Kearney Wornall, of Kansas City, cashier of the bank and the lone survivor of the massacre. Wornall's condition was reported improving steadily today at the base hospital at Fort Riley.

Murderer Identified. The body of Capt. Lewis J. Whisler of the 354th Infantry was positively identified tonight by Kearney Wornall, the sole survivor of the army bank butchery, as the man who robbed the bank and killed Wornall's four companions.

The body of the infantry captain was wheeled to the hospital, where Wornall has been since the tragedy. "That's the man," was the statement of Wornall as he sank back on his bed.

A Note to a Woman. Near the body was found a note, addressed to a woman: "I have been thinking of committing suicide for a long time, but I never had a good reason. Yesterday I went out and made a reason." That was not all. They found a table with blood stains, a washstand stained with blood, two towels soaked with blood.

Robber Kills Four. Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 12.—Three men were killed and two seriously injured at 8 o'clock tonight when the Army bank here was robbed by a man dressed in the uniform of a captain in the United States army. The three men, civilians, were killed with an ax, it is reported, while they were at work in the bank. C. F. Winters, vice president of the National Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo., was seriously wounded and late tonight it was stated that he could not live. The men killed were:—Bill, John Jewell and Carl Ohleson, all clerks. Military authorities were reticent regarding the robbery. It was learned, however, that the robbery was discovered when persons passing the bank heard groans. Kearney Wornall was wounded, but probably will recover.

### AMERICAN SOLDIERS NEEDED

Winston Churchill Appeals to Allies for More Speed in Sending Troops to France.

London, Jan. 12.—Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, addressing the American Luncheon Club today, made a powerful appeal for the sending of American soldiers to Europe quickly and in as large numbers as possible.

"We have found a complete agreement on our war aims," Mr. Churchill said, "so let us concentrate our whole souls on practical measures whereby those aims may be achieved."

The reception of Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson's war aims by the Central Powers, the minister said, showed a gulf that no bridge could span. He added that Great Britain and the United States having issued their war aims they must now bend every effort to the practical work of enforcing them on the enemy.

A Labor Bureau for Women. Washington, Jan. 10.—Establishment of a clearing house for the woman labor of the Nation, under the supervision of Secretary of Labor Wilson, was announced here today.

Big Rivers Frozen Over. St. Louis, Jan. 14.—Indicative of the low temperature which has prevailed here is the fact that the Mississippi river between this city and East St. Louis is frozen over for the first time in a quarter of a century.

Seattle German Paper to Quit. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 14.—The Seattle German Press, the only German daily newspaper in Seattle, is to suspend publication, according to an announcement by the German Newspaper Association, which owns the paper.

## JOHN GORDON



John Gordon of Brooklyn, N. Y., boilermaker on board the United States destroyer Cassin, who was cited by Admiral Sims for cool behavior when the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine.

### SUFFRAGE PASSES THE HOUSE

Amendment to Federal Constitution Goes Through 274 to 136—Fight to Senate Now.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The suffrage by federal constitutional amendment won in the House tonight with exactly the required number of affirmative votes.

While members in their seats and throngs in the galleries waited with eager interest, the House adopted by a vote of 274 to 136 a resolution providing for submission to the states of the so-called Susan B. Anthony amendment for national enfranchisement of women.

But for the promise of Speaker Clark to cast his vote from the chair for the resolution, if it was needed, the change of a single vote to the opposition would have meant defeat. Republican Leader Mann, who came from a Baltimore hospital, where he has been under treatment ever since Congress convened, and Representative Simms of Tennessee, just out of a sick bed and hardly able to walk to his seat, brought the votes which settled the issue.

The House hardly had adjourned before the suffrage champions began their fight for a favorable action on the Senate side of the capitol. Recent polls there have indicated that the necessary two-thirds vote could not be mustered, but encouraged by the House victory and counting upon the influence of President Wilson, who came to their support last night, the suffragists hope to bring the Senate into line so as to have the amendment before state legislatures during the coming year. They feel sure at least of forcing a vote in the Senate before the present session ends.

Advocates of the amendment were supremely confident of the result in the House after President Wilson advised the members who called upon him last night he would support it. They were so confident that the close vote was received with amazement and some of the opponents were almost as much surprised.

### A RUSSO-BULGAR AGREEMENT

A Separate Peace Pact Already Has Been Signed, a Berne, Switzerland, Dispatch Says.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 11.—A separate peace agreement has been signed by Russia and Bulgaria, the Bund reports.

A Bulgarian correspondent of the Bund says Premier Radoslavoff read the following dispatch from Brest-Litovsk in Parliament:

"War between Russia and Bulgaria ceases. Diplomatic and economic relations between Russia and Bulgaria are resumed. Russia recognizes Bulgaria's right to nominate a delegate to an international Danube commission. The first peace is thus concluded with the consent of Bulgaria's allies."

### CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

—The latest reports from official sources show that many miners perished in a mine pit explosion at Halmerend, Eng., recently. Of the 247 workers in the pit at the time of the disaster, eighty-seven have been rescued alive and twenty-three bodies have been found.

—Senator James H. Brady of Idaho is dead at his home in Washington from heart disease. He suffered an acute attack a week ago while on his way to Washington from Idaho. He was 66 years old.

—Factories making automobile and carriage covers and those making corsets have been asked by the council of national defense to begin the manufacture of powder bags. This is the first instance announced of steps taken to divert individual plans to war work.

—Fourteen persons are known to have been killed, probably two-score injured and much property damaged by a series of tornadoes that swept over northeastern Alabama and central Georgia the other day.

## WAR FRONTS IN WINTER'S GRASP

Heavy Artillery and Airplanes Are Doing Most of the Fighting Now.

### PEACE CONFERENCE RESUMES

Negotiations Between the Bolsheviks and Austro-Germans Continues, But Without Definite Results.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Winter has settled down in earnest over all the important war fronts and beyond artillery actions, which are being carried out over very limited sections, there has been little fighting either in the west or in the east.

Only patrol encounters are reported along the British lines and artillery action at two points on the French front. In Italy the terrific artillery and infantry fighting has given way to aerial warfare, which, however, though it is spectacular, has little direct bearing on the progress of the campaign when confined to combats between individuals or squadrons.

For nearly a month now the front in France and Belgium has been almost snow bound. Thus the long awaited German offensive, with the heavier reinforcements which Germany transferred from the Russian front to the west has been delayed for weeks, possibly for months.

### Peace Confab Continues.

The peace negotiations between the Bolsheviks and the representatives of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk continue, but without definite results. Another delay in the assembling of the constituent assembly is likely because of the issuance of a decree at Petrograd providing for new elections to replace members of the constituent assembly who are deemed not to represent the interests of the workmen and peasants.

According to reports from the Russian capital, northern Russia is to receive ample food supplies from Ukraine, through the reconciliation of the Bolsheviks and the Ukrainians. Every effort has been made in the last few weeks by the Bolshevik authorities to prevent the threatened famine in Petrograd and other cities of Russia, where the Bolsheviks hold the power.

It is also semi-officially reported from Petrograd that the Bolsheviks have taken control at Novo Tcherkassk, capital of the province of the Don Cossacks, and headquarters of General Kaledines, hetman of the Cossacks.

### Italians Take Teuton Trenches.

Rome, Jan. 12.—Austro-German forces yesterday were forced to evacuate some trench sections near Cavazzochina, on the Italian mountain front, the war office announced today. The retreating Teutons were caught under the Italian fire and suffered considerable losses.

### British Attacks Broken Down.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The war office communication issued today says:

"Western Theater, Army of Crown Prince Rupprecht.—Attempts by the enemy after artillery preparation yesterday morning to penetrate our positions southeast of Ypres broke down. Throughout the day a lively artillery duel developed on the Flanders front and also southwest of Cambrai. Between Moeuvres and Maroing during the evening and at dawn the English artillery firing increased intermittently to the greatest violence.

"The French artillery also is lively on both sides of St. Quentin and on isolated sectors between the Oise and the Aisne.

"Army of Duke Albrecht.—West of Blamont there was an increase in the fighting activity.

"On the eastern, Macedonian and Italian fronts there is nothing to report."

### British Repulsed Enemy Raid.

London, Jan. 12.—The British official communication issued tonight says:

"The enemy early this morning made a raid south of Armentieres, but was repulsed. The hostile artillery has shown increased activity north of Ypres throughout the day.

"Our artillery dispersed enemy working parties southeast of Monchy-le-Preux this morning."

### Weather Blocks Armies.

Washington, Jan. 11.—On the fighting fronts the infantry is inactive, except for small raiding operations, but the artillery duels continue intense on various sectors. In Northern Italy snow has fallen to a depth of from three to five feet, bringing the operations to a halt. The movement of supplies to the enemy armies in the hills is being greatly impeded, and the indications at present are that fighting of great intensity will be impossible while the snow lies on the ground.

### Enlist to Avenge Father.

New York, Jan. 11.—Three years ago John Johnson was lost on a steamship sunk by a German submarine. Today three of his sons are in the United States navy, a fourth is in the army and a daughter is a nurse.

Three Killed in M. K. & T. Wreck. Austin, Tex., Jan. 11.—Three persons were killed and eleven injured at 2:10 o'clock this morning in a recent collision between two sections of the Katy Flier at Granger, about forty miles northeast of here.